



RESCUED FROM MUD: South Haven firemen Charles Tourtellotte (left), Oliver (Tead) Morehead and Robert PoinDEXTER (right) assist seven-year-old David Sloyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sloyer, 779 Phoenix street, after rescuing boy from the

mud about two blocks from the boy's home Wednesday night. Firemen said the boy was in good condition after being stuck for about 30 minutes in mud to his waist. (Staff photo)

## Milliken To Study Plans For Capitol

LANSING (AP) — Gov. William Milliken said Wednesday the design of the proposed \$50-million Capitol would be subject to "further review on my part."

Referring to the controversy developing over the modernistic design revealed last week, Milliken said it was good because "the citizens of this state have now been brought into the full discussion of the capitol complex."

And he said it was regrettable that a worldwide competition had not been initiated to select a design.

## They Do Things Big In Texas

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Personalized license plates are going big in Fort Worth despite the \$10 extra cost.

One motorist got big red-lettered plates reading SMILE. Another went for EEEEEK, and another for GRRR.

There's a LOVER, a PADNAH and a B GOOD. The most exuberant ordered YIPPEE.

More than 1,000 persons have ordered special plates.

Wilson's Bakery Weekend Specials! Run cake, 55c. Cinnamon Braid Coffee cake, 59c. Adv.

## Boy's Close Squeak Warning To Others

### Stuck In South Haven Mud

BY JIM DONAHUE

South Haven Bureau

SOUTH HAVEN — City firemen rescued a seven-year-old boy after he became trapped to his waist in mud at a land fill site along Conger street last night.

David Sloyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sloyer, 779 Phoenix street, South Haven, was rescued by volunteer fireman Charles Tourtellotte, who lives in the neighborhood, and regular

fireman Oliver (Tead) Morehead around 6:30 p.m. after someone in the neighborhood noticed the boy in the mud and called for help.

#### WARNING ISSUED

Police Chief Otto Buelow today issued a warning to residents in the neighborhood to keep their children away from the earth that is being dumped there. He said the soil is being hauled from the north bank of the Black River where Canonee Construction Co. is digging

out a basin for the new marina. The material is coming from a former swamp and is muck, he said.

Firemen said the Sloyer boy was in good condition when he was finally pulled from the mud and that he was taken home by police.

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## Congressmen In The Chips

Members of Congress will receive a \$12,500 pay hike next week—and that's only part of their gravy. Their annual salaries have nearly doubled since 1964. See page 24 for details.

## Developer Has Unique Guarantee

By DICK BARNES

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Charles Gregory (Boe) Rebozo, the Florida businessman who became an instant celebrity last November, has a unique contract. \$2.4 million federal guarantee of rent payments on a shopping center he's about to open.

Rebozo became a national figure following the election when the public suddenly became aware of his close friendship to President Nixon. But his shopping center project was arranged about two years ago while the Democrats controlled the federal government and Nixon was a lost thought in the political wilderness.

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Help your carrier to succeed by paying him promptly each week when he calls to collect! He depends on route collections for his profits for delivery.

## INCOME TAX PETITIONS DRAFTED

## City-Wide Vote Sought In Niles

NILES — Petitions were being drafted today in an effort to challenge the new one per cent Niles city income tax at the polls next spring.

The tax was approved eight days ago by the Niles city council and will become effective next July 1, unless voted down in a city-wide election. The next such election is April 7.

Petitions to place the tax matter on the ballot were being worked today by Edwin Donahue, a Niles attorney and former Niles municipal judge.

Donahue said he plans to

mail out petition forms to about 25 persons today. The petitions should be filed in about ten days.

#### FILING DEADLINE

Under state law, petitions must be filed by March 10 in order to have a referendum on the income tax. A deputy in the city clerk's office said petitions would have to bear no fewer than 303 and no more than 605 voters. This is based on a formula of no less than 10 per cent or more than 20 per cent of the total vote cast in the last general city election. The last

city election had 3,025 votes cast.

Donahue, leading the campaign against the income tax adopted by the council Jan. 29, said he expects to receive many more petition signatures than required.

"I have been getting about 20 calls a day. . . . People want to know where they can get a petition to sign," Donahue said. He anticipates as many as 1,500 signatures although only about 550 will be filed with the clerk's office.

After filing the petitions the

lawyer said, council must check the petitions and if they meet the legal requirements an election must be set within 45 to 90 days of the date the petitions were filed.

#### \$26 PER PERSON

The tax was first expected to bring in \$64,000 the first year, according to a report by Lybrand, Ross Bros. and Montgomery, the city's auditing and accounting firm. This is based on an average yield of \$26 per person, geared to a 14,000 population listed in the 1960 census.

However, the tax income might run higher, by at least \$52,000, if figures released by the Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Niles Area are borne out. These figures show that the city has gained about 2,000 more residents since the 1960 census count was taken.

Councilman Robert Adler, finance committee chairman, has said the tax here was adopted because the city had reached its maximum millage limitation of 15 mills under its Fourth Class

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## NOT EXACTLY AS MR. ZAK FIGURED IT

### Admits Now Maybe Pay Is Too High

#### Taxpayers Of State In Revolt

From Associated Press  
With a storm of criticism swirling over its head, there were indications today the Wayne county board of supervisors will reconsider the \$12,500 per year plus \$40 per meeting pay it set for its members.

Chairman Albert Zak, who led the board in setting the pay level, backed down Wednesday and announced he thinks the Wayne supervisors should be paid less than \$15,600. Under the plan approved by a 15-7 vote, supervisors there could have made over \$20,000 in salary, per diem and fringe benefits.

Several other Wayne supervisors said they would support reconsideration of the pay matter.

Wayne meanwhile, was only one of the counties where controversy sparked by angry taxpayers has broken about the heads of Michigan's new county boards of supervisors.

Under the state law establishing the new one-man, one-vote boards of supervisors, the boards are allowed to set their own salaries, a unique authority. For most all elected public bodies, pay rates must be established before a new term starts.

While pay scales form the vortex of the storm, controversy also involves whether the jobs require full-time or only part-time attention.

#### 'HIGH PRICE'

In Genesee county, Flint Jaycees were threatening to copy a recall drive started against the Wayne supervisors by Detroit Jaycees. The Flint Jaycees oppose newly set salaries of \$7,500 a year plus \$20 per diem for meetings, charging they amount to "a high price for a public trust."

More than 3,000 persons signed petitions in Macomb County, forcing their board of supervisors to reconsider its salaries of \$7,800 a year and payments of \$35 a meeting. Macomb County is the state's third largest, with a population of 750,000, compared with Wayne's 2.6 million.

The Detroit Jaycees blamed "greedy, self-indulgent and conceited officials who do not have a sense of duty" for establishing the Wayne County pay levels.

There has been controversy elsewhere, too, but not in Marquette County, largest in area in Michigan and the Upper Peninsula's most populous, with more than 36,000 residents.

New supervisors in Marquette County voted themselves no salary and decided to get along on \$25 a day for any board or committee meetings attended.

Most of the sparsely populated counties fixed salaries ranging from \$600 to \$2,400 a year, plus anywhere from \$15 to \$35 additional for each board or committee meeting attended.

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#### MATCHING FUNDS

Bradburn said federal matching funds will cover 48.7 per



DAY FOR COURAGE: Spec. 4 James Baczkowski, 21, of Denver, was a ski enthusiast before he went off to Vietnam. A Viet Cong suicide attack resulted in the loss of his right leg. Baczkowski along with other amputees from Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver spend a day each week on the ski slopes as part of their therapy. Baczkowski suffered his wounds in August last year. (AP Wirephoto)

## Mental Health Addition Ok'd

### Memorial Hospital Getting More U.S. Funds

A \$120,000 addition to the mental health center at St. Joseph Memorial hospital has been approved by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, hospital Administrator Robert Bradburn announced.

The added 2,500 square feet of equipment and costs for will be office space for the complete center. The regional Consultation Center of minders comes from local sources, such as the Memorial and Mercy hospitals joint fund drives and contributions to the building fund.

The addition will bring total cost of the mental health center to \$1,820,000. Bradburn said construction on the new addition will begin within 60 days, with the entire new wing being completed by September.

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The Regional Consultation Center serves a four-county area. The staff of this Center is addressed to after care and pre-

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## St. Joe Marks 600th Day Since Road Death

St. Joseph police said today is the 600th day since a traffic fatality has occurred within the city limits.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bob Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

# New Front Man For Baseball

The comparative change for the better in the weather is such as to turn one's thoughts to looking into the tool shed at the rakes and the hoes, and even to pondering that in about nine weeks the baseball moguls will be opening their turnstiles again.

The latter depends on the owners' ability to reach agreement with the hungry players who feel their pension kitty should be doubled over its present girth.

This worry to the contrary and, quite possibly, because of it, the American and National League owners hired a new commissioner this week.

## Technology Vs. Man

Because of the alleged dehumanizing effect of modern technology, which has long been a point of dispute between the humanists and technocrats, the preliminary findings of a Harvard based corps of scholars which is investigating the effect of technology on American society should be more widely discussed than it has been.

The findings: technology has made Americans the most genuinely individual people in history.

The group holds that technology has created a society of such complex diversity and richness that most Americans have a greater range of personal choice, wider experience and more highly developed sense of self-worth than ever before.

"This is probably the first age in history in which such high proportions of people have felt like individuals," said Dr. Emmanuel G. Mesthene, director of the 10-year scholarly study.

"The question is how to take advantage of the knowledge necessary to run a big, complex society without giving up the values of participation. We haven't found the answer yet," acknowledges Mesthene.

Another researcher on the team, Prof. Edward Shils, a sociologist from the University of Chicago, makes the point that the individual's new self assurance has led him to make bolder and more aggressive demands on governments at a time when the decline of authority and the sheer complexity of problems have made governments less self-confident than ever.

He believes the paradoxical result is "an increased probability of public disorder."

Mesthene sees a rising tension between the expert technicians in government and those who want a direct voice in public policy but who are not equipped with the necessary science-based analytical skills. He acknowledges that this poses a crucial and continuing dilemma.

"If you go the full way of the technocratic elite you'll end up with a technocracy. But if you go the way of those who want full participation you'll wind up with chaos," he said.

That is, or soon will be, a basic hang-up of modern man. If the 10-year-study of the Harvard scholars (now ending its fourth year) eventually sheds some elementary light on the problem, its findings will be of inestimable value to the non-communist portions of the earth.

Gray whales, 50-ton, 50-foot mammals, migrate 12,000 miles every year, from their Arctic Ocean feeding waters to breeding grounds off Mexico's Baja California.

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For some months the two leagues have been without an overall boss, having sent William Eckert, a retired Air Force general, back into retirement once more.

The new man is Bowie Kuhn, a New York City lawyer totally unknown to the sports world, but well acquainted with the owners.

Kuhn was the legal eagle for the National League in its successful maneuver to shift the Braves from Milwaukee to Atlanta a few years ago.

He was so persuasive even the Wisconsin courts had to agree his theories on contracts and anti-trust matters outweighed the citizenry's resentment toward losing the team.

Ostensibly his engagement is temporary. All he has is a one-year contract, but in announcing the selection, Francis Dale, president of the Cincinnati Reds, left a definite impression that the owners regard the hiring as more than a trial marriage.

Unhappy with baseball's present structure and convinced that Eckert's military talents could not solve their problems, several owners plotted for some time in Young Turk fashion to find the way to jazz up the game.

The game has not changed much since the early 1920s when Babe Ruth and the "lively" ball infused a glamor which America's oldest organized sport had lost.

The Young Turks feel baseball better join the "mod" parade now or be forever lost behind football, basketball, hockey, horse racing and even golf.

The big problem is falling attendance at the ball parks.

Without the concessions in the grandstands and TV revenue, few clubs would show a break even set of books, much report a profit.

Deposing Eckert and installing Kuhn follows the thinking of Michael Burke, the Yankees' mod cut president, of putting the horse back before the cart. Burke expressed this somewhat heretical view even though CBS bought up the Yankees a few years ago.

The owners seemingly feel Kuhn will be a big, first step to perking up baseball as Pete Rozelle has pushed professional football up to the No. 1 ranking in sports allure.

He is better than 20 years younger than Eckert and from boyhood been a player at the game.

Further, he is said to be the no-nonsense type of man that Kenesaw Mountain Landis was. Baseball took Landis from the Chicago federal courts in 1920 to be its boss and to restore a public confidence in the game that had been shattered by some of the White Sox' stars throwing the 1919 World Series. This succumbing to the bookies' pay-offs has ever since been styled the Black Sox scandal.

Landis is switching from a tough minded jurist into a hard nosed sports czar provided the needed comeback.

New management implies new methods and it is the latter baseball so desperately needs.

The main necessity is to accelerate and open up the game.

Two and one-half or more hours for nine innings is a croquet pace.

The game's defensive overbalance needs straightening up. The .300 hitter is a rarity today.

The rules committee already has taken steps to upgrade the offense.

The pitcher's mound has been lowered five inches, the strike zone reduced, and orders given to start enforcing the illegal pitch.

There is also talk about pinch runners who could enter and leave the play at will. This would also let in a pinch hitter for the pitcher.

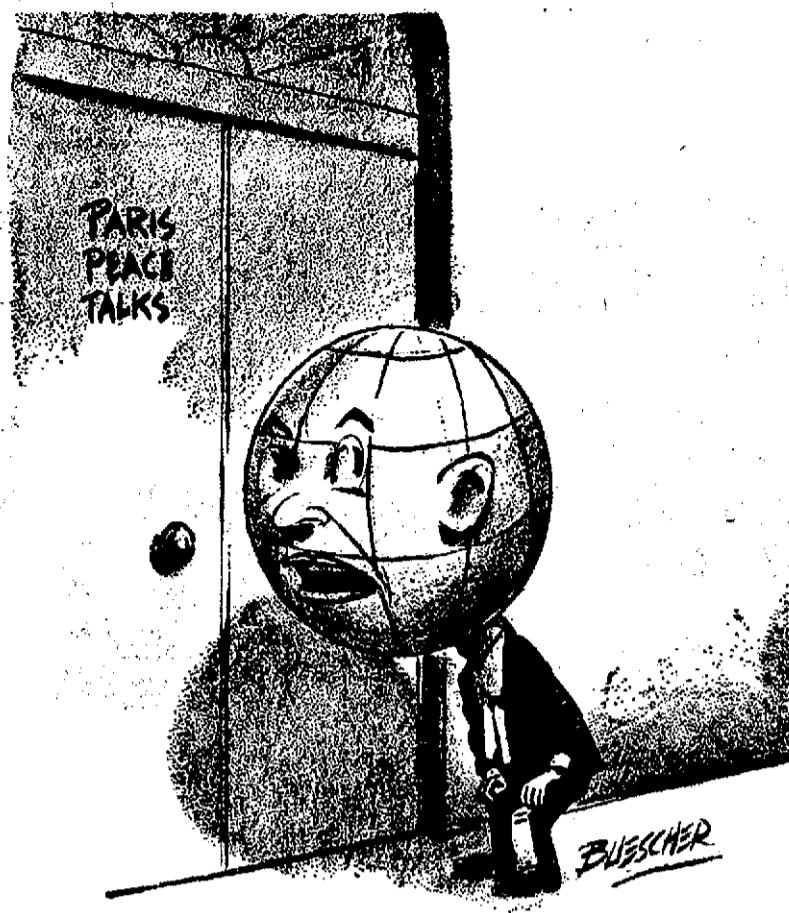
No move, however, has been taken to speed up the pitcher's snail-like tactics, nor to shorten the season.

If Kuhn has the free hand which Landis wielded, he will be in a position to modernize the game which, if it is to survive, must appeal to a mod audience.

The old time fan is almost a memory today.

The 3,000 islands, cays, and rocks that make up the Bahama Islands are scattered over an ocean area slightly larger than Great Britain, National Geographic says.

# HUNGRY FOR NEWS



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### SEWER AND WATER PROJECT OUTLINED

—1 Year Ago—  
The Berrien County Public Works board released a report calling for a \$173 million water and sewer building program in northern Berrien county between 1970 and 1990.

It proposes integrated sewer and water systems built and operated in three phases by the county works board, with full county support. Fourteen communities and townships were covered in the plan.

BERRIEN SPRINGS  
OK'S VOTE  
—10 Years Ago—  
Berrien Springs school district voters approved a \$1,150,000 bond issue to finance construction of a new high school but turned thumbs down on a \$150,000 swimming pool proposal.

The vote on the high school proposal was yes 658, no 370; swimming pool, no 606, yes 422.

### BATTLE BLOODY FOR BEACHHEAD

—10 Years Ago—  
The Germans have launched a new attack in their determined

### WILLIAM RITT

You're  
Telling Me!

That two-year investigation of unidentified flying objects, made by a team of a dozen astronomers, physicists and psychologists, has cost the Air Force \$500,000. Well, in a matter of such importance, the sky would naturally be the limit!

The result of that continuing saucer probe has been kept highly secret — and we do mean high!

Students at a Nevada Indian school, we read, recently conducted a snow dance. A snow dance, we presume, is just a rain dance — February style.

Weather is supposed to move in cycles. Could be — the weather so far this year, apparently, has been progressing strictly in ice-cycles.

### HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Now that the pomp and ceremony of the Inaugural is over and the day to day business of running the government has become a grim reality to recently rejoicing Republicans, there are undoubtedly a number of these new people here who are confused and lonely, harassed by the press, deviled by the Democrats they are unable to root out of civil service positions, and frustrated by the fact they are all newcomers and can find no soft voice to soothe and comfort them.

However, the nation's capital has something for everyone.

The frustrated new person has only to open his telephone directory to the right page and he will find a number to dial for a prayer, a sermon, a stripper, or just about anything else. He will hear a voice that will not yell, snarl, or talk back to him.

Instead, it will either inform him, soothe him, or try to sell him something. And he won't have to say a word. The

offensive to smash the Allied beachhead, this time striking at British troops in the area north of Aprilia (Carroceto) 20 miles southeast of Rome, but have been repulsed with heavy losses it was announced yesterday.

On the main Fifth army front desperate fighting raged unabated in the streets of Cassino and in the mountain north of the town with the Germans holding on despite sledgehammer attacks of American infantry, artillery, and armor.

### LEAGUE LEADERS

—35 Years Ago—  
The Herald-Press athletes, Fred Bischoff, and Ed Zordel, are smiling today, having jockeyed their Trojans into the lead in the City basketball league.

### IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1956, the first circular school building was opened in Kankakee, Ill.

### IT'S BEEN SAID

Lust of power is the most flagrant of all the passions. — Tacitus.

### YOUR FUTURE

You should now reap well your due rewards. Today's child will be exceedingly clever, very artistic.

### WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

INFLUENCE — (IN-floo-ens) — noun; invisible or insensible action exerted by one thing or person on another.

### DID YOU KNOW

Australia has been called the shadeless land.

### BORN TODAY

"Dutch" Reagan has come a long way from the days as a radio sports announcer and an actor who usually lost the leading lady to the swashbuck-

### While covering the Chicago

Cubs training camp, a film agent saw him and signed him to a contract for \$200 a week in 1937. From there, Reagan appeared in melodramas, comedies, mysteries and adventure films — most of them in the grade B category.

After graduation, he obtained WOC in Davenport, Iowa, and later — as "Dutch" Reagan — he acquired a national reputation as a sports-caster.

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He served with the U.S.

Army during World War II and later appeared as the General

Electric host for a weekly

television series.

Reagan originally supported liberal causes but shifted to the right in the early 1950s. In 1968, he defeated incumbent Gov.

Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

Others born today include

Fabian, Babe Ruth, Sir Henry

Irving and Aaron Burr.

### HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Name given to British

troops in action in the Crimean

War.

2. Loading line painted on the

bults of freighters.

3. Russo-Polish boundary line

proposed by Lord Curzon after

World War I.

4. Line prepared behind the

original German front line during

the Battle of the Somme.

5. Former Austro-Spanish

royal line or dynasty.

message is recorded.

OR A TRIP with the children to the Smithsonian Institution might be nice on a rainy Sunday afternoon. But what to see? No problem. The world famous museum operates Dial-a-Museum, revised daily, calling attention to new exhibits, lectures, and other museum news. Or quick call to Dial-a-Satellite, the museum's other recorded message, will enable the new resident to impress his outdoor barbecue guests as he points skyward at just the proper moment and says, "Look, there goes the new Tyros satellite."

You can dial here for a

prayer, a short sermon and

there is an aviation weather

forecast, which gives in detail

the location of fronts, icing, and

turbulence. If the new depart-

ment head finds things going

too smoothly and feels he needs

to be shaken up, a call to

Cancer Answers will do the job

admirably. He will find himself

working hard to finish his tasks

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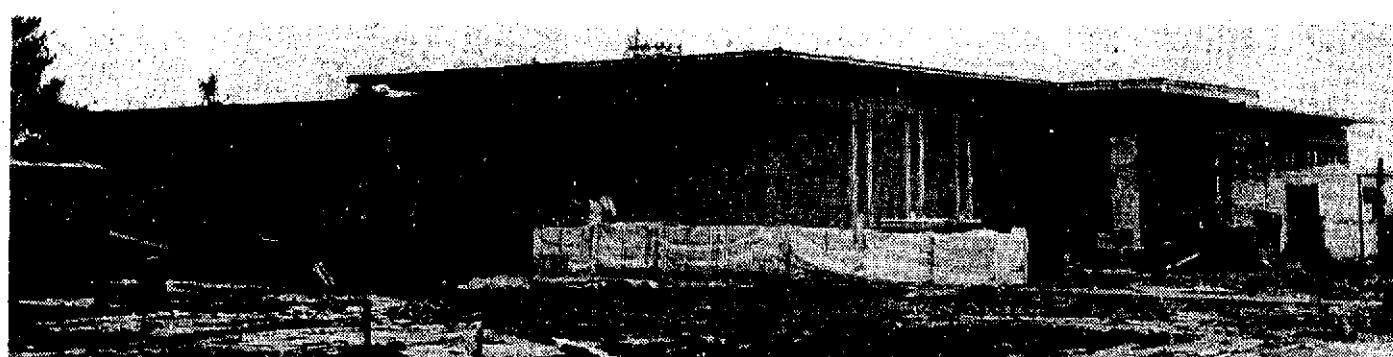
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Twin City  
News

## NON-POLITICAL POST OFFICE PRAISED HERE



**SCHOOL CENTER:** The new \$560,000 administrative center for the Berrien County Intermediate School district on US-31 at the northwest edge of Berrien Springs is scheduled for completion by early May. The one-story brick and concrete block building will provide 20,000 square feet of floor space. It will house

offices of the intermediate district administrative staff headed by Superintendent Doyle Barkmeier, the special education division, data processing center for school districts of the county and instructional materials center. (Oliphant photo)

### Joe Wells Is Leaving State Post

Joining Sons  
In Business



JOE E. WELLS

Joe E. Wells, veteran state employee and newspaperman from Coloma, will leave his state agriculture department job Feb. 28.

Wells will become associated with his sons as senior vice president of an international newspaper property brokerage of Wheaton, Ill. He will maintain his residence in Coloma.

For the past 5 years, Wells has served as a publicist for the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Previously, he published the Coloma Courier weekly newspaper from 1946 to 1954. And prior to that, he had been a reporter and city editor of The News-Palladium for some 16 years.

As an information specialist for the agriculture department, Wells has been particularly successful in the conduct of two annual events. He has annually arranged the All-Michigan dinner sponsored by the Michigan Agriculture conference and the Michigan Press association. He also has arranged and directed the annual Michigan Week tour of state agricultural queens to various metropolitan centers of the nation.

Wells recently returned from the British Isles where he met with publishers and toured newspaper and printing facilities while on leave of absence from his state job.

### Posthumous Awards For War Victim

Posthumous awards have been conferred by the Republic of South Vietnam on Sgt. Frank E. Williams who died June 1, 1968, of combat wounds.

His widow, Mrs. Margaret Williams, 629 Limerick drive, Benton township, said she has received the Gallantry Cross with palm and Merit Medal from South Vietnam.

Sgt. Williams, lived in Benton Harbor before becoming a career Army man. He had been in the service 23 years.

#### FAMILY MOVES

THREE OAKS — Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Marshall and daughter, Christy, have moved from the Schwark house on North Elm street to Niles. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Beckman and daughter are moving from the Ranson apartment house on North Elm street to the house vacated by the Marshalls.

### Michigan Bell Will Expand Service Here

The Michigan Bell Telephone company has announced that it will spend \$2,070,000 this year to expand and improve telephone service in the Twin Cities area.

Michigan Bell President Kenneth J. Whalen said in Detroit that the expenditure is part of the company's record \$210 million construction program for 1969.

Harvey F. Dams, Michigan Bell district commercial manager here, said the year's major expenditures for the Twin Cities would be broken

down in the following manner: outside plant facilities, \$870,000; telephone equipment in homes and offices, \$490,000; and central office equipment, \$620,000.

Dams said that "outside plant facilities" would mainly consist of new cables to areas not previously serviced by the company or to expand cables to areas which have undergone considerable growth.

To handle new orders for service and fill requests for higher grades of service, Michigan Bell will install a record

amount of exchange cable — about 11.7 billion conductor feet throughout the state.

Direct Distance Dialing will be introduced to speed long-distance service in eight communities in north-central Michigan the Twin Cities already has DDD.

Michigan Bell expects to add 100,000 telephones during the year and will handle more than five billion calls through the four million phones the company now serves, it was reported.

### Auditorium Passes Inspection

Benton Harbor high school's auditorium has passed its latest safety inspection with flying colors, school officials said today.

Dr. Mark E. Lewis, superintendent of schools, said the only item requiring replacement was part of the overhead rigging on the stage.

Dr. Lewis said the school maintenance department would replace the ropes and other items needed to bring the rigging back to standard. Repairs will also be made to drapes, spotlights and some

According to the official, the inspection was made by Edward Troffer, director of building and grounds for the system, and his staff.

Dr. Lewis said about \$250,000 would be needed to refurbish the auditorium completely. But he said major changes would have to be financed through a bond issue voted by the people. Proposals to remodel the auditorium have been included in the proposed bond issues.

Replacement of seats and remodeling of the stage area have been discussed and would be included.

The auditorium underwent close inspection last year after a leak in the roof caused a small section of the ceiling to chip. The roof was replaced during the summer and the leakage stopped.

Registration is continuing at six community education centers in Benton Harbor for second semester classes starting next week.

Information on the courses can be obtained by calling the community education offices at the following schools: Calvin

Britain, Seelby, McCord, Henry C. Morton, Lafayette, Bard and Fairplain East.

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## WATERVLIET PAPER MILL DOES GIVE A DAM



ICE SURROUNDS HOME: Waters of Paw Paw Lake intruding into homes and yards of lakeshore residents have surrounded the home of Jack Hadley and created an ice skating rink for area children.

children. Ice pressure has threatened other homes and Paw Paw island residents are without water and heat because of stalled pumps and wet furnaces. (Marion Leedy photo)

## Elderly Fennville Man Niles Man 19th Victim Escapes Blazing Home Of Disease

FENNVILLE — An elderly Fennville man escaped injury last night when he was forced to crawl out a window to escape a blaze at his home, but his two German Shepherd dogs perished in the fire.

Fennville fire department Capt. Gerald Steinberg said firemen were called at 9:50 p.m. last night by a neighbor to a home rented by Oscar Nelms, 77, route 3, 54th street, Fennville.

Steinberg said he and 14 other firemen could see the flames 1 1/4 miles away when they left Fennville.

Capt. Steinberg said the fire was out of control when they arrived at the scene. Firemen fought the blaze in 15-degree weather, but the house burned to the ground.

Nelms said oil had leaked out of an oil heater and when he lit the heater, the oil underneath caught on fire. He said he ran outside

and then went back into the house to try and put out the fire when he was trapped and had to crawl out a window to safety.

Nelms lost all his possessions including his car in an attached garage. He said the two dogs were tied up inside the house and he was unable to get to them.

The house was owned by Clois Lacy, 122 Reynolds street, Fennville.



OUT OF CONTROL: Fennville firemen pour water on house at route 3, 54th street, Fennville in 15 degree weather. The fire was out of control when firemen arrived and flames from the one-story, four-room frame house could be seen from 1 1/4 miles away. Oscar Nelms, who occupied the house, escaped injury, but his two dogs died in the fire. (Prosch-Jensen photo)

## Van Buren Districts To Combine Programs

PAW PAW — Supt. Albert Kimmel told the Paw Paw school in the Paw Paw district, Wednesday in Benton Harbor, will be central coordinator for the summer migrant education last night, the program costs such as the Headstart programs from and Headstart programs from three school districts will be combined and operated again by the Paw Paw school district.

Kimmel said the combination is being planned by the Van Buren County Intermediate Supt. Kimmel, the board named Kimmel, Darrell Cross, assistant superintendent; Thomas Lawrence, Lawton and Paw Paw. He said the programs will be run for six weeks this summer with the migrant education program staffed by six teachers and the Headstart program staffed by two teachers.

The superintendent also said the programs' staff members will also include aides and a secretary. He said Bill Wilson, principal of the Black River

school board's negotiating team for teacher contract talks for this year.

Kimmel said the board is now waiting for a report from the State Labor Mediation board before contract negotiations can be completed for this year. He referred to a hearing held last

Wednesday in Benton Harbor when James McCormick, trial examiner for the State Labor Mediation board took testimony from the Paw Paw Education Association concerning charges of unfair labor practices against the Paw Paw school board.

### OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board set two new policies. One will require that all supplies and equipment to be purchased will be made with a purchase order accompanied by a requisition through the business office with Kimmel's approval.

The board also set a policy that when school must be closed for classes due to bad weather such as heavy snowfall, all other school activities such as basketball games and community school projects will also be cancelled.

## They'll Use It To Curb Flooding

### Officials Promise Superstructure Will Come Down

WATERVLIET — An impromptu meeting between three Paw Paw Lake residents and officials of the Watervliet Paper Mill may lead the way to mutual cooperation in solving both the flooding and pollution of the lake.

Gordon Bell, who in early January asked the Coloma township board to seek aid from the Michigan Department of Public Health, went with Ray Dlouhy and Art Fitz to inspect the paper mill dam and were met by a company official John Matthews.

Matthews and Lee Shaduck, company engineer, in a meeting that followed pledged company cooperation with in their means to control lake flooding.

### POLLUTION PROBLEMS

Bell said the flooding of the lake was resulting in pollution problems. He said a restriction on the stream below the outlet of the lake caused a backup and therefore the lake becomes a reservoir. He said the normal lake outlet becomes an inlet due to the angle of the flow of the river against the outlet of the lake and restriction below the lake. He said the restriction is the dam.

Shaduck gave the lake residents data they requested and said he would bring their recommendations to the plant manager, Hubert Lyle.

Lake residents have complained the superstructure on top of the original dam has resulted in the high water problems Shaduck said he saw no reason why the superstructure could not be taken off the dam.

The trio said this would eliminate the ice jams that hold back the river at the dam and would allow the lake to drop to a normal summer level. Shaduck added the company does not need the dam and the turbine is not used.

Lake residents became even more concerned this week when the lake level reached a flood crest of 624.9 Monday night, although it is now receding.

### South Haven Officers Attend Police Training

SOUTH HAVEN — Police chief Otto Buelow said today that five officers from the South Haven police department will be attending police training sponsored by the Tri-County Law Enforcement Training Committee in cooperation with Lake Michigan college during the next few months. Patrolmen participating will be Lewis Koch, Marlin Nelson, at basic training; Raymond Siebenmark, Glen Fullum and Sgt. Lawrence Bild at criminal investigation school.

Chairman of this year's muscular dystrophy campaign, Capt. William Moore, of the St. Joseph fire department, reported that so far about \$30,000 has been collected from area residents. Funds are used for research and the 46 disease victims served in the southwest Michigan region.

## Spraying Opponents Drop Suit

### Sought To Halt Pesticide Use

A New York group opposed to pesticide spraying against Japanese beetles has dropped its federal court suit against the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the department said Wednesday.

It said attorneys from Environmental Defense Fund, Inc., had advised U.S. District Judge Joel P. Fox of Grand Rapids that the organization was dropping its case.

EDF filed suit last fall in Milwaukee federal district court seeking an injunction to halt spraying of Japanese beetles in Berrien county. The suit was transferred to federal district court in Grand Rapids and no injunction was issued. The suit claimed spraying would kill fish and wildlife in and around Lake Michigan.

Some 4,000 acres of beetle-infested land in Lake and Chikaming townships of Berrien was sprayed by the department last October.

EDF did win a temporary injunction in 1967, however, that delayed spraying until it was too late in the year.

### TANKER OVERTURNS

HOLLAND (AP) — Traffic on M-21 east of Holland was slowed for about three hours Wednesday when a tanker unit broke loose from a cab and overturned with gasoline spilling onto the highway.



LAKE RESIDENTS CHECK DAM: Gordon Bell, Ray Dlouhy and Art Fitz, all residents of the Paw Paw lake shoreline, check super-structure on dam at Watervliet Paper Mill, they feel is cause of flooding and resulting pollution on Paw Paw Lake. As they returned from the dam area, a company official met them for an impromptu meeting in which both factions pledged cooperation in solving the problem. (Marion Leedy photo)

## Economic Club Will Hear N.Y. Investor

### 'Gadfly' Lewis Gilbert Speaks Here Feb. 21

Lewis D. Gilbert, a New York investor known as the "corporate gadfly," will address the Feb. 21 meeting of the Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan at Holiday Inn, south of Benton Harbor.

Club President John Paul Taylor announced that Gilbert's

topic will be "A Stockholder Looks at Management." Gilbert should be an authority. His appearance at more than 200 meetings annually of stockholders earned him the "corporate gadfly" title.

The meeting will start at 6:45 p.m. Mail reservations from club members are now being received at the office of John R. Runyan, club executive secretary.

According to Gilbert, the rights of shareholders are full and complete disclosure of all facts about the company, present and sometimes future, including breakdown of sales and profits on division-by-division basis. In making those demands Gilbert often runs into corporate resistance.

Gilbert is a 61-year old millionaire who once forced the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur to buy 800 shares of stock in Remington Rand corporation.

Gilbert did it by rising at the annual meeting of stockholders of Remington Rand and asking why the general, who was chairman of the board at the time, did not own stock in the company.

Gilbert recalls that the general's printable reply was: "What do I do with my money is my own business."

At the next annual meeting, he thinks hold good annual



meetings and companies whose meetings he feels are conducted poorly. The annual report also tells shareholders of companies in which Gilbert and his brother, John, hold stock, and which annual meetings the brothers will attend the following year.

### Plan To Build

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — Ground will be broken April 15 for a \$730,000 building to house WZZM-TV of Grand Rapids, it was announced Wednesday by William C. Dempsey, president and general manager.



FIRST JURY PANEL: The first jury panel for South Haven's new district court was called for trial this week. Dave Davis, 80 Clinton street, standing at left, was sworn in by Judge Donald Goodwillie, Jr., Wednesday morning as the court's bailiff. Left to right, standing, are Davis, Ed Soer-

gel, Robert Randall, Jack Warfield, Roy Wiles, Laurence Beckwith, Kenneth Williams, W. F. Gallagher, Mrs. Edith Decker; seated, Mrs. Virginia Maloblocki, Mrs. Delores Adams, Mrs. Virginia Parker, Diane Kelley and Mrs. Phyllis Rodenhouse. (Staff photo)